

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 26, 2021
5:30 PM AT TOWN HALL
Approved Minutes

Town Board Members Present via Teleconference: Jim Patterson, Michael Anderson, Sue Brenna, Glenn Carlson, John Carlson

Staff Present: Lisa Potswald, Ben Schram, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne

Public Present: Barb With, Charley Brummer, Paul Brummer, Christian Overland (*via teleconference*)

Called to Order: 5:30pm

I. Public Comment A*:

Paul Brummer commented on the increase in the rates for passengers on the windsled.

Barb With commented that she will speak later on the agenda for the Exchange item.

Barb With read a comment from Holly Tourdot regarding not having the Church operate the Exchange.

Barb With read a comment from Tracy Swirk regarding keeping the exchange free, not having the church take it over.

Sue Brenna commented that her name appeared in a document from Barb With without her permission and would like it removed.

Charley Brummer agreed with Barb With's idea of keeping the Exchange free. He also commented on MRF self-hauling, asking the Town to look at the cost benefit.

II. Town Administrator's Report: Report prepared and presented by Lisa Potswald dated 1/22/2021 placed on file by Unanimous Consent. The Solar Grant discussed at the last meeting will not be applied for, however, there will be other solar grants coming up in the near future.

III. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock, Harbor

1. Disposal of 2007 Ford Escape: Motion to approve selling the Ford Escape to Pete Wiggins for \$1.00, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Comp Time for Facilities Manager Ray Hakola: Motion to approve up to 80 hours of comp time annually for Ray Hakola effective the pay period beginning 1/24/2021, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Big Arn's Road and Brian's Road Costs and Special Assessment Process: Property values are not affected by the road improvement. Motion to table, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

4. Wren Works Change Order #4 Correction: Additional Concrete and Timber Fendering: Motion to table for clarification, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion to move agenda items III. A. 5, 6, 7 to after Public Comment B, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Parks: Nothing at this time.

C. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

1. The Exchange

A. Presentation from Barb With Regarding The Exchange: Town Board members each commented that they are waiting for St. John's Church to provide the Town with their proposal for taking over and operating the Exchange. Barb With agreed and apologized for the 'rushness' of her proposal as well as stepping on some toes. B. With further provided some history of the Exchange and stated that she opposed to giving the power to the Church because it [The Exchange] is a public resource.

D. Airport: Nothing.

E. Greenwood Cemetery: Nothing.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning: Nothing at this time.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Accounting Administrator's Report: Motion to accept and approve, G. Carlson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Grant Updates: Lisa Potswald is working on the Firefighters Grant for SCBA equipment as well as a Fire Department regional grant for radios.

C. Resolution #2021-0126 Amending Resolution #2019-1210 Election Inspectors: Motion to approve the Resolution as presented (Christopher Rowson will be a Chief Election Inspector instead of a regular Election Inspector), J. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. La Pointe Community Clinic Agreement: Motion to approve as presented, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Madeline Island Historical Museum 2021 Closure: Christian Overland of the Wisconsin Historical Society on the phone for discussion and clarification. Discussion on the Casper Endowment that funds the Madeline Island Historical Museum, the money in the fund is used for maintenance and operation of the Museum and if there are excess funds in a year, those funds can be used for administration, promotion, marketing costs, etc. that will still benefit the Island Museum through the Historical Society services. All revenue generated at the Island Museum stays at the museum as well. Discussion on improving the relationship between the Town and the Historical society. C. Overland proposes the Program Officer for the Historical Society provide the Town with a quarterly report. Discussion on the possibility of a Museum Committee.

F. Town Board Member Training: Discussion on what the current Town Board members think would be good training for the new incoming Town Board member(s); training DVD, WTA Officers Handbook, paying attention to current happenings, webinars, etc. No formal group training discussed.

G. Town Administrator Hiring Process and Updates: So far three applications have been received by Public Administration Associates, the deadline is February 15, 2021.

VI. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting January 12, 2021: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, G. Carlson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

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VII. Emergency Services

A. Ambulance Director's Report: Report prepared by Cindy Dalzell dated 1/20/2021 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

B. Updates on Construction of Emergency Services Building: All the insurance money has been received. Things are going well, if Windsleds begin, it could complicate things.

C. Assistance to Firefighters Grant for SCBA Equipment: Motion to approve submitting the application for up to \$50,000 with the Town providing a 5% match, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Public Comment B:** None.

Motion to go into closed session to discuss items III. A. 5, 6, 7 as well as item IX. C., J. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

III. Public Works

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5. SmithGroup Billing Discrepancies for Dock Project

The Town Board may go into closed session during the meeting for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved in accordance with to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(g). After the completion of the closed session, the Board will come back into open session to act upon the discussion in the closed session or otherwise complete the business of the meeting before adjourning.

6. Town Dock Leases

This meeting may, upon duly made motion, be convened in closed session under State Statute 19.85 (1) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. If the Town goes into closed session, it will reconvene in open session before adjourning.

7. Dock Lease with Nelson Construction

IX. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

C. Judgment on Michael Mattingly Properties 014-00208-0600 and 014-00208-0300

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Motion to return to open session, J. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

A. William Defoe vs. Town of La Pointe, Case No. 19CV57: Nothing at this time.

B. Kevin Wiggins Wisconsin Equal Rights Division Case No. CR202001411: Nothing at this time.

X. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Wren Works Change Order, possibly another meeting with the Historical Society, updates to the airport ordinance.

XI. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 7:19pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved with addition of C. Overland being present vis teleconference, February 9, 2021.
M. Montagne, Town Clerk.